(b) ITDC does not run any hotel in Andhra Pradesh

(c) Does not arise

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Promotion of tourism industry

†834. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of basic infrastructure and necessary facilities for achieving targeted increase in the number of foreign tourists by promoting their arrival;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is shortage of single star hotels to five star hotels for promoting the tourism industry; and

(c) if so, the plan of Government in this direction alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In view of the acute shortage of hotel rooms, Ministry of Tourism in regular touch with the State Governments and other land owning agencies for creating land banks for construction of hotels in the country. The State Governments have been advised to follow investor friendly land policies and single window approach for promoting hotel projects and also for allotting sites on revenue sharing basis, granting extra FSI/FAR for hotels, permitting extra commercial usage in the hotels etc. In order to enhance the inventory of rooms, the Ministry of Tourism has also formulated guidelines for approval of Guest Houses, Apartment Hotels, Time Share Resorts and Bed & Breakfast establishments. Besides, the Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance to State Governments & Union Territories to improve tourism related infrastructure.

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